

APPLICANT ARGUMENTS OR REMARKS

Claims 16, 18-28 are now in the application. Claims 16, 18-20 and 24 -26 are amended. Claims 1-5 and 17 are canceled. Claims 16 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter.

The Office Action objected to claims 17-24 and 26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 16 to be an independent claim including all the limitations of claim 17. Applicant asserts that claim 16 is now in the form requested by the Examiner and that claims 18 – 28 now depend directly or indirectly from claim 16, and include all the limitations of allowable claim 16. Applicant therefore request that claims 16, 18-28 now be allowed.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Office Action rejects claims 16-19 and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In particular, the Office Action rejects the phrase “in particular” as being vague and unclear. Applicant has removed the phrase “in particular” from the claims.

The Office Action rejects the phrase “if applicable” as unclear as to which limitation it applies. Applicant has removed the phrase “if applicable” from the claims.

The Office Action rejects the phrase “for example” as rendering the claim indefinite. Applicant has removed the phrase “for example” from the claims.

Applicant submits that by these amendments, claims 16, 18-19 and 24-26 are now in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant, therefore, requests that this rejection be withdrawn and claims 16, 18-19 and 24-26, as amended, be allowed.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action rejects claims 16, 25, 27 and 28 under as being anticipated by Couasnon (U.S. Patent 6,371,558).

Applicant has amended claim 16 to include all the limitations of claim 17. Applicant asserts that claim 16 is now in the form indicated by the Examiner as allowable. Claims 18 –

28 now depend directly or indirectly from claim 16, and include all the limitations of allowable claim 16. Applicant therefore request that this rejection be withdrawn and claims 16, 18-28 be allowed.

Summary

Therefore in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections and objections and that claims 16, 18-28 be allowed at an early date and the patent allowed to issue.

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